

# **Winterville Free Will Baptist Church**

**Ground Breaking Service**

**Homecoming, October 11, 1981**



**New Facilities for Winterville Church  
West Elevation**

## GROUND BREAKING SERVICE

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Statement of Purpose

Bill Churchill

Hymn - Doxology

Scripture

1 Chronicles 29:10-16  
1 Kings 6:1,2,7,9,11-14  
1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Pastor

Invocation

Pastor

Recognition of pastors who served during the preparation for this day--the Reverends James L. Lupton, Jack Mayo, Bob Futrell, Walter Pollard and at the present Ed Taylor.

### Read Responsively

Pastor - We assemble on this memorable occasion to keep faith with opportunity and with the great crowd of witnesses who have dedicated their time, talent, and substance to the church. We are humbly grateful for all those who have dreamed with us, and to the God of our fathers, who has led us to this place . . .

People - We thank you, Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Pastor - Forasmuch as God has challenged us to erect this church for His Glory and the nurture of His people . . .

People - We set this ground . . .

Pastor - To the glory of God the Father, to the honor of His Son, who loved us and gave Himself up for us, to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illuminates and sanctifies us . . .

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People - We dedicate this ground

Pastor - To the construction of this church where the Word of God will be taught, family life will be hallowed, children will come to know their Savior, where young people will be guided and strengthened for life, where mature persons will find renewal in mind, body, and soul, where the aging may find comfort and companionship, and the handicapped will discover joy in living . . .

All - We, the members of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, in spirit of gratitude, in the unity of the faith, in the bond of continuing fellowship, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship, teaching, and service of Almighty God. We break this ground and set it apart in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Act of Ground Breaking

1st Shovel of Earth

Pastor

2nd Shovel of Earth

Improvement Committee

Louise Hines

William Nobles

Jewell Lawrence

Claudie McLawhorn

Bill Churchill

3rd Shovel of Earth

Board of Trustees

Bruce Gray

Karl McLawhorn

Guy Corbett

Tyree Stox

4th Shovel of Earth

Deacons

John Vernelson

R. H. Wade

Pittman Hines

Karl McLawhorn

Ron Braxton

Bill Churchill

Harry Avery

Benediction

Ron Braxton

We, the members of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, take this opportunity to thank each of you for coming and sharing this very special occasion with us.

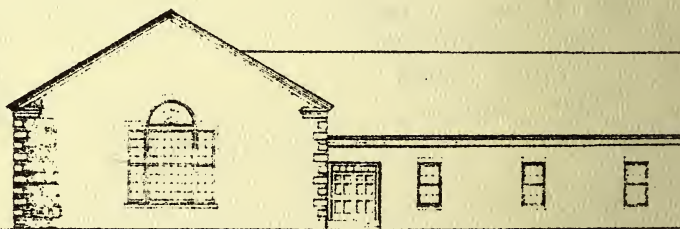
## The Bridge Builder

"An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came in the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
The sullen stream had no fears for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow-pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way,  
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide;  
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,  
"Good friend, in the path I've come," he said,  
"There followeth after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way;  
This chasm that has been naught to me,  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim--  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

--Copied



George W. Shoe, *Architect*